



Substitute Senate Bill No. 198

Public Act No. 12-38

AN ACT CONCERNING DESECRATION OF WAR OR VETERANS' MEMORIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A person is guilty of interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument when such person, without authorization of the government body or veterans' organization responsible for the placement, control or maintenance of a war or veterans' memorial or monument, intentionally defaces, mutilates or destroys such memorial or monument, or removes such memorial or monument, or any part thereof, from its official location.

(b) Interference with a war or veterans' memorial or monument is a class D felony and any person found guilty under subsection (a) of this section shall be fined five thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) A person is guilty of the unlawful possession, purchase or sale of a war or veterans' memorial or monument when such person possesses or purchases or attempts to purchase or sells, offers for sale or attempts to sell, or transfers or disposes of a war or veterans' memorial or monument, or any part thereof, knowing that it has been unlawfully removed from its official

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location.

(b) Unlawful possession, purchase or sale of a war or veterans' memorial or monument is a class D felony and any person found guilty under subsection (a) of this section shall be fined five thousand dollars.

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